

Families First in Numbers

Updated with Information from May 2004

Current number of Assistance Groups: 73,223

Current number of adults: 56,492

Current number of children: 138,202

Assistance Groups prior to Families First (August, 1996): 91,499

Current number of child only cases: 18,205

Closures in May:

total closures: 3701

closures for 18 month time limits: 141

closures for sanctions: 669

work-related sanctions: 663

other sanctions: 6

closures for employment: 1018

Time limit closures since Families First started: 9,394

Current number of Assistance Groups with a working adult: 11,344

Average monthly wage of employed participants: \$648.90

Average monthly cash benefit for participating families: \$169.53

Re-entry rate of Families First participants: 32.8% of cases which close re-enter the program (after an absence of more than two months) at some point during the next 55 months.

The number of families served by the program between September 1996 and now exceeds 200,000.